



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 1, 2013

House and Senate Sessions opened at noon on Wednesday, January 30. These first days of Session were filled with a flurry of bill filings. This Session is expected to be fast out of the gates and front-loaded with new bills related to public education on a wide range of issues.

### **Meetings: January 31**

1. House Finance Committee  
HB 4 – Unemployment Insurance Fund Solvency & Program Changes.  
There was heated debate along party lines on this comprehensive overhauling of unemployment insurance. A committee substitute was presented and received a favorable report. The bill is on the House calendar for February 4.
2. House Appropriations Committee  
HB 5 – Temporary Funding Extension for Group Homes.
3. House Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House  
HJR 20 – Joint Session/State Board of Education Confirmation.  
The Committee considered the procedure for confirming the Governor's three (3) nominees to the State Board of Education. The House Education Committee is scheduled to consider the nominations and perhaps ask questions of the nominees on Tuesday, February 5.

### **Listing of Bills with Impact on Students and Public Schools**

(with the primary sponsors noted)

#### **House Bills**

- [HB 4](#) UI Fund Solvency & Program Changes (Howard, Warren, Starnes, Setzer)
- [HB 13](#) State Agency Property Use/Biennial Report (Howard, Brawley, Moffitt, Wray)
- [HB 20](#) Joint Session/State Bd of Ed. Confirmation (T. Moore)
- [HB 21](#) Joint Session/State Bd of Ed. Confirmation (T. Moore)
- [HB 23](#) Digital Learning Competencies School Employees (Horn, Johnson, Saine, Tolson)
- [HB 44](#) Transition to Digital Learning in Schools (Horn, Johnson, Saine, Tolson)
- [HB 45](#) Internet Access for Public Schools (Horn, Johnson, Saine, Tolson)
- [HB 51](#) Increase Access to Career/Technical Education (Holloway, Blackwell, Blust)
- [HB 55](#) Reform Workforce Development (Howard)
- [HB 56](#) Amend State Contract Review Laws (Howard)
- [HB 57](#) Child Nutrition Program Solvency and Support (Howard)

## Senate Bills

[SB 6](#) UI Fund Solvency & Program Changes (Rucho, Rabon, Brock)  
[SB 10](#) Eliminate Obsolete Boards and Commissions (Apodaca, Hunt, Rabon)  
[SB 12](#) Appoint Superintendent of Public Instruction (Tillman)  
[SB 14](#) Increase Access to Career/Technical Ed. (Tillman, Brown, Soucek)  
[SB 16](#) Revoke License for Passing Stopped School Bus (Bingham)  
[SB 23](#) Tobacco Free Community Colleges (Bingham)  
[SB 27](#) Public School Protection/Firearm Amendments (Bingham)  
[SB 32](#) Periodic Review and Expiration of Rules (Hartsell)  
[SB 33](#) Use of Criminal History Records by Lic. Bds (Hartsell)  
[SB 34](#) Eliminate Obsolete Boards and Commissions (Hartsell)  
[SB 36](#) APA Technical/Clarifying Changes (Hartsell)  
[SB 37](#) PED Study Occ. Lic. Bd. Agency (Hartsell)  
[SB 42](#) Charter School/Govt. Unit (Daniel, Tillman, Tucker)

## **Meetings: February 5-7**

### **Tuesday, February 5**

8:30 AM Joint Appropriations, 643 LOB

- Budget presentations

10:00 AM House Education Committee, 643 LOB

- HB 21 – Joint Session State Board of Education Confirmation

### **Wednesday, February 6**

8:30 AM Joint Appropriations, 643 LOB

- Budget presentations

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